

## CONFIRMED AT LAST

THE DEMOCRACY UNITED ON PATRONAGE.  
FIVE OF THE MAYOR'S NOMINEES APPROVED BY  
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN—SCENES AND

**SPEECHES IN THE CHAMBER—THE VOTES ANALYZED.**

The Board of Aldermen yesterday, after four months' delay, confirmed the Mayor's nominations of James Matthews for Police Commissioner, George Canfield for Commissioner of Jurors, Henry D. Purroy for Fire Commissioner, John R. Voorhis for Commissioner of Docks, and J. Nelson Tappan for City Chamberlain. A motion to confirm Henry H. Porter for Commissioner of Charities and Correction was laid upon the table. The nominations of Edward C. Donnelly for Tax Commissioner, William M. Olliffe for Park Commissioner and Dr. Woolsey Johnson for Commissioner of Health were not acted upon.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALDERMEN.**  
The Chamber of the Board of Aldermen was filled some time before the meeting of the Board yesterday by a throng in which were to be seen leading representatives of every political organization in the city. It was noticeable that in many cases these leaders had stationed themselves in the rear or at the side of the members of the Board whom they are supposed to influence, in order to "brace them up" for the work in hand.

A number of general orders providing for the paving of streets, laying Croton mains, etc., was called up and disposed of, and then the real work of the day began. Alderman Murphy moved that General Order No. 3 be called up. This was a message from the Mayor, nominating Edward C. Donnelly as a Commissioner of the Department of Taxes and Assessments. This was a blunder, as this particular nomination was one of those which was intended to be let alone. The Republican members were quick to take advantage of the situation. Several of the Democratic members declared that it was a wise

James Matthews for Police Commissioner, was the one meant. Alderman McClave, for the Republican members, declared that a General Order had been called up, and it must be acted upon. Alderman Sauer said that Alderman Murphy could correct his mistake. Amid considerable confusion, President Keenan ruled that Alderman Murphy could withdraw the General Order called up by him and substitute General Order No. 2. The voting was then proceeded with. When Alderman Shell's name was called he said he wished to explain his vote. He declared that the lower part of the city was unrepresented in the heads of departments.

and none of the gentlemen presented were residents of that part of the city. The same was true of the nomination of the city clerk at the last election. And this, too, in the face of the fact that the lower parts of the city gave the heaviest vote to the majorities. His own district (the IVth Assembly) gave the present Register 6,000 majority; nevertheless, a poor fellow, a resident of the district, who held a position at \$50 a month in the Register's Office, was dismissed. If this glaring injustice was continued he would advise his constituents to vote against the candidate placed in nomination. Then he voted for Mr. Matthews's confirmation. The result, as announced by the president, was fourteen for confirmation and six opposed. The vote was as

City President Keenan, Aldermen Antenorich, Cayman, Bernard Kennedy, Patrick Kenney, Murphy, Power, Sheils, Strack, Kirk, Sauer, Seaman and Walter. The last two are Republicans, the others Democrats.

At the City Hall, William J. Hillard, McClave, Perley and Wells, all Republicans.

Alderman Strack then called up the nomination of George Caulfield for Commissioner of Jurors, in place of James Dwyer. Alderman McClave made a long speech, opposing the nomination of Mr. Dwyar, and had read a letter from Judge John Davis, certifying to the fitness of Mr. Dwyar for the place. Mr. Caulfield was confirmed by a vote of 10 to 3. Aldermen Dwyer, McClave, Purley, Hawes, Finch and Wells, all Republicans, voting in the negative.

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Alderman Waite (Republican) then called for the nomination of Henry H. Porter as Commissioner of Charities and Correction in place of Townsend Cox. Alderman McClure, however, moved that Henry H. Porter be continued in place of Townsend Cox. He was confirmed by a unanimous vote, on the ground that Mr. Purdy was a conditional member of the Board. Mr. Purdy received 18 votes, only Aldermen Iwawes and Wells voting in the negative.

his Democratic colleagues on the harmony in their ranks, and trusted they would vote unanimously for Mr. Porter. The latter is a member of the Irving Club organization, and was one of those fortunate enough to witness the remains of Abraham McClave being greeted with a hearty laugh. The motion to call up Mr. Porter's nomination was laid upon the table by a vote of eleven to nine. Alderman Murphy (Irving Hall Democrat) voting with the Republicans. Alderman Kirk then moved the confirmation of J. Nelson Tappan and he received the desired vote.

The nominations of Edward C. Fox, Commissioner, William M. Olliffe as Park Commissioner, and Dr. Woolsey Johnson as Health Commissioner were not considered. The board then ad-

The nominations of City Chamberlain Tappan and Henry D. Purroy are to be credited to Tammany Hall and John K. Voorhis and George Caulfield to the New-York County Democracy. This explains the combined Democratic vote which these men received. The nomination of Mr. Matthews was made by the Mayor on his own volition, and this was conceded to him by the leader of Tammany Hall and the New-York County Democracy. Why the other two New-York County Democracy

Some of the recommendations will be acted upon as soon as possible. Some of them are pretty certain to be eventually withdrawn and other names substituted.

**SKETCHES OF THE APPOINTMENTS.**

James Matthews was appointed a Police Commissioner in February last, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of General Wm. F. Smith. He is the senior member of the law firm of Mat-

George Caulfield is a native of Ireland, age fifty-three years. He came to this country when a boy, and is now a contractor. Many years ago he was clerk of the Post office under Isaac W. Fowler, during the administration of President Buchanan. He is a prominent member of the New-York County Democratic.

Henry D. Purroy is a native of this city, age forty years. He has for several years been a leader in the Taunum Democracy in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1875, 1876 and 1877, and President of the Board the latter year. He was educated at St. John's College, and is by profession a lawyer.

John R. Voorhis is a native of the Ninth Ward, and has lived there ever since his birth. He is a start-builder and is said to be wealthy. He was appointed an Excise Commissioner by Mayor Have-

never in 1873, and subsequently a Police Commissioner, to succeed Oliver Charles. He was again appointed a Police Commissioner by Mayor Cooper in 1879, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James E. Morrison. He is an active member of the New-York County Democracy.

J. Nelson Tappan is a native of this city, and for many years a banker. He has served two terms as City Chamberlain, having been appointed by Mayor Wickham to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Lane. He has been for several years a member of the Tammany Hall General Committee.

**DISASTERS ON LAKE MICHIGAN.**

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Dispatches indicate that the gale on Lake Michigan, Saturday night, was unusually severe and several disasters are reported. The schooner Ontario, from Charlotte to Picton, with coal, sank yesterday morning, fifteen miles west of Point Peter Light. The crew was saved. The schooner Regina, laden with salt, from Goderich to Owen Sound, was also reported to have sunk.